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SMUGGLING OF HIGH SPEED DIESEL
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is rampant smuggling of High Speed Diesel (HSD) into India via Gujarat and Maharashtra coasts;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith estimated loss to the exchequer on account of customs duty; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check smuggling of HSD into the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a)&(b) The details of the cases booked for smuggling of High Speed Diesel (HSD) into India via Gujarat and Maharashtra coasts for the last three years are as follows:-

(Rs. in crores)

Year	NO,Ofcases	Revenueinvolved
2004-05	5	3.16
2005-06	-	-
2006-07	5	4.07

The above figures do not indicate that there is rampant smuggling of High Speed Diesel (HSD) into India,

(c) All field formations including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence have been alerted to prevent and thwart any attempt to Smuggle High Speed Diesel (HSD) into the country.